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SUBJ: SUCCESSFUL INDO-PAK TALKS CONCLUDE

1. LATEST ROUND SIMLA PROCESS TALKS DESIGNED TO NORMALIZE INDO-PAK RELATIONS ENDED SUCCESSFULLY IN ISLAMABAD SEPTEMBER 14 WITH SIGNING OF A SET OF THREE AGREEMENTS ON RESUMPTION OF POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND ON ISSUANCE OF VISAS FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION TO THE ACCORD ON VISAS AND TRAVEL, DELEGATIONS ALSO CONCLUDED A PROTOCOL ON GROUP VISITS TO RELIGIOUS SHRINES IN EITHER COUNTRY.

2. TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED THAT GOI AND GOP CIVIL AVIATION DELEGATIONS SHOULD MEET TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF OVERFLIGHTS AND RESUMPTION OF AIR LINKS. THEY ALSO DECIDED THAT REPS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD EXCHANGE VISITS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF TRADE AND EXAMINE STEPS TO PROMOTE EXCHANGES IN FIELDS

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OF SCIENCE AND CULTURE. NO DATES WERE GIVEN FOR THESE

MEETINGS, WHICH ARE FOLLOW-UP STEPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 3 OF THE SIMLA AGREEMENT. PAK FOREIGN SECRETARY REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THAT TIMING WAS SIMPLE MATTER WHICH COULD BE SETTLED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

3. PAK OFFICIALS STATED LATER THEY THOUGHT POSTAL AND TELECOM SERVICES WOULD BE RESTORED IN ABOUT TW WEEKS.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED SEPTEMBER 14:

"1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF THE SIMLA AGREEMENT ENJOINING UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TO TAKE STEPS PROGRESSIVELY TO RESTORE AND NORMALISE RELATIONS, THE DELEGATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES MET AT ISLAMABAD FROM SEPT. 12 TO SEPT. 14, 1974, TO WORK OUT AGREEMENTS ON THE RESUMPTION OF POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATION LINKS AND RESTORATION OF TRAVEL FACILITIES.

"2. HIS EXCELLENCY SHRI KEWAL SINGH, FOREIGN SECRETARY LED THE INDIAN DELEGATION. HE WAS ASSISTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS. THE PAKISTAN DELEGATION WAS LED BY MR. AGHA SHAHI, FOREIGN SECRETARY. HE WAS ASSISTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERIOR AND COMMUNICATIONS.

"3. THE TWO SIDES CONCLUDED AGREEMENTS ON EXCHANGE OF LETTER POST ITEMS AND POSTAL PARCELS, RESUMPTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND ON ISSUANCE OF VISAS AND TRAVEL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN REGARD TO THE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IT WAS AGREED THAT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BETWEEN THE MULTI-EXCHANGE OF BOMBAY AND THE MULTI-EXCHANGE AREA OF KARACHI SHALL BE LINKED BY SATELLITE CIRCUITS WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS. IN ADDITION TO THE AGREEMENT ON ISSUANCE OF VISAS AND TRAVEL THEY CONCLUDED A PROTOCOL ON GROUP VISITS TO RELIGIOUS SHRINES IN EITHER COUNTRY.

"4. THE LEADERS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS ALSO AVAILED THEMSELVES OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OTHER MEASURES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE SIMLA
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AGREEMENT. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE CIVIL AVIATION DELEGATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD MEET TO DISCUSS THE 1971 CASE REGARDING OVERFLIGHTS AND THE QUESTION OF RESUMPTION OF OVERFLIGHTS AND AIR LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN WOULD EXCHANGE VISITS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON A MUTUALLY PROFITABLE BASIS. THE TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED TO EXAMINE STEPS TO PROMOTE

EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND CULTURE.

"5. SHRI KEWAL SINGH WAS RECEIVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY MR. ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, THE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN AND BY HIS EXCELLENCY MR. AZIZ AHMED, THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. DURING THESE TALKS, VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED ON MATTERS OF BILATERAL INTEREST. IT WAS APPRECIATED THAT OBSTACLES AND SETBACKS ENCOUNTERED IN THE COURSE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SIMLA AGREEMENT WOULD BE OVERCOME THROUGH PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE AND THE CONTINUED FIRM COMMITMENT OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS."
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